



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yoshitaka SASAKI

Group Art Unit: 2653

Application No.: 10/823,741

Examiner: A. Castro

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Docket No.: 106484.02

For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC HEAD AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the December 14, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-28 are pending, claims 8-12, 14, 22-26 and 28 being withdrawn from consideration.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 13, 15-21 and 27 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,826,012. A Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith to obviate this rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-7, 13, 15-21 and 27 is respectfully requested.

As non-elected claims 8-12, 14, 22-26 and 28 variously depend from allowable claims 1 and 15, rejoinder and allowance of claims 8-12, 14, 22-26 and 28 are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-28 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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